

Merchant's National Bank (Baltimore Federal
Savings and Loan Association)
301 Water Street
Baltimore (Independent City)
Maryland

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Maryland	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Baltimore (Independent City)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Merchant's National Bank		HABS NO. MD-920
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 301 Water Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) circa 1893	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Merchant's National Bank was one of the few structures that survived the Baltimore fire of 1904 which destroyed 140 acres at the center of the city. The area was rebuilt between 1905 and 1920 and includes some of the finest early twentieth architecture in Baltimore.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Neoclassical revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry exterior walls		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, 2-story		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Two-story granite-faced structure with cornices at first and second story levels. Second story cornice has dentils and modillions. Parapet with balustrade. Ionic columns frame Water Street entrance. Ionic pilasters alternate with window openings on street elevations. Second floor windows arched with keystones and carved decorative work.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The top floors of the structure were damaged during the 1904 fire and were subsequently removed. The first two floors were retained without exterior alteration. Brick service wings were added to the rear circa mid-twentieth century.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Structure to be demolished to make way for a new Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association building.		
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